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PROFESSOR PEARSON DISCUSSES FILIAL SUPPORT LAWS ON AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL RADIO

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As the overall population of Australia begins to age, Australia, like the U.S., is forced to rethink the role that families play in providing care for the elderly, including whether Australia should introduce legislation giving parents the right to compel their children to provide financial support. During the program “Dutiful Sons and Daughters” on the weekly Australian radio show *Encounter*, Professor Katherine Pearson discusses filial support laws trends in the U.S. during a panel dialog.

“I think pretty much everyone would agree that in a functional family, adult children do have a moral responsibility to care for and maintain or financially assist their indigent parents,” said Pearson during the show. “The question is—are we going to do that in a statutory legal sense?”

Listen to “[Dutiful Sons and Daughters](#)” on Radio National, the largest single network in the country. A recording of an extended interview with Professor Pearson can be downloaded from Radio National’s website.

Professor Pearson is a nationally recognized elder law expert and from 2009-2010 was a U.K.-U.S. Fulbright Scholar in Belfast, Northern Ireland, where she studied law and aging policy matters. She draws upon experiences of The Dickinson Schools of Law of the Pennsylvania State University Elder Protection Clinic in her most recent book *The Law of Financial Abuse and Exploitation* (2011).

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